

WITH THE FARMERS

By Prof. W. F. MASSEY



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Farmers put the single-horse plow in the corn field, they will tell you, to kill the grass, and the grass would not be there to kill if the early cultivation had been right and rapid. The single-horse plow is the slant tooth smoothing harrow and the weeder.

Run the harrow over just before the corn comes up and break the crust and kill the young germinating grass. Then as soon as the corn is up run the harrow over again, and then use the weeder till the corn is eight or ten inches high. With these implements, one can get over rapidly even in a rainy season between showers, while neglected, the grass will get well ahead of the one-horse plow, and then it will be necessary to cover with a two-horse cultivator and cultivate the corn rapidly and shallow and level.

I was in a corn field last year where the owner said he had done over with the single-horse plow, and could not possibly have done this with one-horse plows. And the result of this rapid and shallow cultivation was that he not only had a big corn crop, but the land had been stirred and well cultivated so that it will make stronger crops for the next season.

The same is true of the strawberry plantation. I only allow two crops from a bed. After the first season's crop I apply a liberal dose of commercial fertilizer strong in nitrogen and phosphoric acid, and cultivate the rows clean. This gives strong plants for the final crop. Then every fall, in November, I plant a new bed, so that I have one with a partial crop and one with a full crop every year. Fertilizing the previous season is far better than putting it on in the spring, of course you can set strawberries in the spring and in most parts of the country this may be the best time. But in the coast country, November is the most certain time to get them to live well, as the dry weather is then over and the soil permanently moist.

As soon as a row of snap beans gets well up I sow another to keep up the succession till August. Then I plant one more, and the row is ready for green pod beans to climb on chicken wire, and these give good green beans and good ripe ones, as they are white like the navy beans and better. They are an improvement on the old Dutch Bush Kidney bean. Kentucky wonder is also a good climbing snap bean.

Plant succession crops of Stowell's Evergreen and Country Gentleman sweet corn till the first of August. As fast as the corn is ready to eat, pick the corn stalks by the root so that when the corn is all used I have a clear piece of ground for later crops. I sow the Danvers half long carrot in June and you can let them stand in the rows all winter and pull as needed when the soil is not frozen. I never lift carrots, beets nor parsnips or salsify as they all keep better in the ground. In the colder sections of the country carrot may be better lifted and stored.

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from the soil in the early part of the season when the trees should have the best possible chance to make their growth. Water it will help the orchard to ripen the wood for winter and the soil will gain in fertility, and if the pees are eaten down early enough, you can sow the crimson clover as a winter cover, and a crop to turn under in the spring for the benefit of the trees, and too late to the clover, you can sow rye as a winter cover and turn this under early in the spring. The idea is to accumulate humus and nitrogen in the soil to encourage the growth of the trees, and to let the broadcast crop rob them of moisture when they need all that comes.

Garden Notes. As the cucumbers and cantaloupes start to run, scatter a liberal amount of nitrate of soda around each hill, and it will greatly invigorate the growth. In all the warmer parts of the State sow parsnips and salsify early in June, and you will have a better crop in winter than if sown in early spring.

For the late crop of Irish potatoes use seed that has been kept in cold storage. These can always be had from dealers in Richmond, and make better seed than potatoes that have sprouted and shriveled in the cellar. After cutting of asparagus has stopped, the bed should have a heavy top dressing of manure and well cultivated so that it will make stronger crops for the next season.

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THE JAMES-DISPATCH: RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1913.

Baccalaureate Sermon Will Be Preached by Rev. David J. Woods, D. D.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Blacksburg, Va., June 12.—Rev. David J. Woods, D. D., senior chaplain of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute on Sunday morning, June 15, taking the place of Rev. E. J. Mosher, of Petersburg, who is prevented by illness from being here. Monday morning at 11 o'clock President William Preston Pow, of Trinity College, Durham, N. C., will address the literary society and make an invocation on Tuesday, Walter H. Beall, of Washington, will make the annual speech to the Alumni Association. At noon on Wednesday, June 18, Dr. Paul B. Baringer, will deliver the last (and in his capacity as president of the college) present diploma to the graduating class, and this will be followed by the address of the class of 1913 by Hon. Rosewell Page, Second Auditor of Virginia.

To-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock there will be a battalion drill and dress parade, and the gayeties of the week begin with the junior-senior banquet that night. The usual military events will take place on all but the last day of the finals, and the "sham battle," the most important feature of commencement week in the eyes of many, will be fought Tuesday afternoon, June 17. Tuesday is also "alumni day," and will be taken up with the annual meeting of the association, the luncheon, the address by Mr. Beall, the smoker that night. The Cotillion Club will give its commencement week dances Saturday evening and for two hours Monday morning. The German Club entertains Tuesday night. "Senior prom" is the attraction Monday night, and the final ball ends the social events, this beginning at 10 o'clock Wednesday night.

Commencement visitors are beginning to arrive in town and there is every reason to believe that the crowd this year will be a large one. Many preparations have been made for the guests, and for weeks a force of workmen have been busy about the college grounds with paint and whitewash, brush, sledge and rake. The "alumni gate" is practically completed. Many improvements have been made about the buildings and grounds. There is a new and modern railway station, and plans for a new and better one. A complete system of illumination for the walks and drives that has never been attempted here.

HIGHER EDUCATION FOR WOMEN URGED

Change in Her Social and Economic Position Requires Training for Responsibilities.

Winchester, Va., June 12.—More educators arrived to-day to attend the seventh annual convention of the Virginia Association of Colleges and Schools for Girls, which is meeting in the rooms of the Commercial Hotel. The guests are the guests of Miss Katherine R. Glass, of Fort Loudoun Seminary, in discussing "The Standardization of Virginia Schools and Colleges for Women." Prof. Charles J. Mapis, of the University of Virginia, brought out clearly that the time for the discussion of standardization has passed. "What lies before us," he declared, "is to reach the state as rapidly, but as patiently as possible. Public opinion in the South demands to-day not only higher education for its women, but that this higher education shall be given in the colleges of the South. It is not enough to have a few requirements and nomenclature of both college and secondary work are responsible for much unconscious dishonesty in the South's system. Mr. Mapis repeatedly emphasized the need for change in the social and economic position of woman demands that her training be on a plan with her enlarged and urgent responsibilities.

The address was followed by a discussion of the relation of what is called the junior college to the regular college, including exchange of credits. Those taking part in the discussion were: Dr. Mary Benedict, of Sweetbriar College; Miss Cleveland and Dr. John Wayland, of the Harrisonburg State Normal; M. Estes Cooke and Miss Randolph, of Hollins College; Miss Harris, of the College of William and Mary; Miss Glass, of Fort Loudoun Seminary; and Mrs. Mary Evans Dillard, of the Lynchburg High School. The trend of the discussion was followed up by Dr. Mary Benedict, of Sweetbriar, following resolution, which was laid upon the table for vote at a future meeting. That this association advocate the name collegiate school for all institutions that do two years of work above that of high school, and that it urge its members to undertake either regular collegiate or regular college preparatory work, according to the equipment and personnel of the faculty.

At the afternoon session a round table was held on the subject of student government in the Virginia schools and colleges for girls. In the absence of President J. L. Jarman, of the State Normal School at Farmville, the discussion was led by J. M. Grainier, of Farmville, and Mary Collins, a general sightseeing trip was given by Miss Glass. Practically every point of historical interest in Winchester and Frederick County was visited. The trip was greatly enjoyed by all the visitors.

To-night's session was given over to historical lectures. Dr. Wyland, in the history of the Harrisonburg Normal School, delivered his noted lecture on "Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign," which he illustrated with authentic maps and charts made by himself after years of constant study and research. The closing feature of the night session was a historical address by Robert T. Barton, of the Winchester bar, who possesses a vast fund of historical information. His lecture carried the audience from the settlement of the lower Shenandoah Valley up to the present time. An unusually attractive program has been arranged for the three sessions to-morrow, and the convention will adjourn Friday evening, after a lecture by Dr. H. E. Jordan, of the University of Virginia, on "War in Relation to Race Improvement."

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Address Delivered by Judge Robert Jackson—Degrees and Diplomas Awarded.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Ashland, Va., June 12.—To-day's program ended the commencement exercises at Randolph-Macon College.

At 12 o'clock noon the address before the graduating class was delivered by Judge Robert Jackson, of Roanoke. Judge Jackson gave a forceful lecture, full of good advice for the young men, who are about to go forth into the world.

After the address by Judge Jackson the medals were presented. The Greek medal for the highest grade made in this department was awarded to E. L. Copley. In chemistry two men made exactly the same average for the year, and two medals were awarded in this department, one to J. W. Childes and the other to J. H. Kite. This medal is known as the William A. Shepard chemistry medal. The Murray medal for scholarship was awarded to E. J. Nicholson.

The Murray medal for proficiency was won by L. A. Sarver, a freshman. As in the case of the chemistry medal, there were two men who were awarded Bennett historical medals for the best history papers, the judges being unable to decide in favor of one man.

The Sutherland medal for oratory, the contest for which was held yesterday, was won by W. S. Deyerle. The other contestants for this medal were C. C. Gaul, E. P. Holsinger and E. L. Dwyer. The degrees were next awarded. Eighteen men received the degree of bachelor of arts. They were: W. W. Barnhart, C. O. Blanton, E. A. Burgess, T. W. Childes, T. H. Collins, L. G. Hill, J. W. Holloway, Jr., P. B. Hopkins, J. G. Hughes, Jr., E. B. Jackson, W. S. Long, D. Naylor, E. J. Nicholson, J. H. Smith, H. H. Taylor and E. L. Tracy. The honorary degree of doctor of laws was awarded John P. Branch, of Richmond. The degree of doctor of divinity was awarded Dr. J. K. Joffe, of Graham. Lambeth, of Richmond.

At 8:30 o'clock to-night the seniors had their class night, and presented a play called "The Freshman," which was full of good jokes, and the audience was kept in a continuous roar of laughter. It was a most successful and fitting climax to the four years' hard work that the men have just completed. All of the senior class took part in the play, and were watched admiringly by mothers and sweethearts.

The board of trustees finished its business to-day, but no president for the Randolph-Macon Woman's College was chosen.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Williamsburg, Va., June 12.—With the address of degrees, scholarships and medals, Williamsburg College closed this afternoon closed another successful session. To-day's exercises were given an added charm by the ceremonial bestowal of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, which was conferred on Dr. J. K. Joffe, of Richmond, by the faculty.

Bachelors of Science—Brooks, Alexander, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Games, Lemuel, Francis, Norfolk; Metcalf, Wayne, Carr, Williamsburg; Wright, John Halpin, Richmond. Bachelors of Arts—Dameron, Wilbur Robbins, Kinsale; Hubbard, Sam Hill, Forest Depot; James, Arthur Wright, Bedford; Moore, John Baldwin, Union Mills; Thomas, Charles Baldwin, New York, N. Y.; Warren, Robert, Clarence, Lightfoot; Whitely, Percy Lewis, Camden, N. Y.; Wright, John Halpin, Richmond. Teachers' Diplomas—Beale, Alvin Francis, Portsmouth; Cooper, Alvin, Washington, D. C.; Dameron, Wayne, Carr, Williamsburg; Garland, Andrew, Leokie, Warsaw; Griggs, Douglas, Meriwether, Big Island; Hamilton, Henry Rufus, Nicholasville; Leach, Edgar Abner, Chesapeake; Leach, William Franklin, Williamsburg; Renick, Charles Clark, Callaway; Wright, Ernest Linwood, Tappahannock.

The address of Mr. Hunt to the graduates was an able one, and was listened to with the closest attention by a large audience. At the close of the address Dr. Joffe, who was formally conferred upon Mr. Hunt and Dr. Joffe, the ceremony being most interesting and impressive. President Tyler announced that the following year had been awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws to Mr. J. K. Joffe, of Richmond. The final ball to-night closed a series of festivities that have been largely attended by many visitors and young people from Williamsburg.

KREPP'S DARING WINS FOR GOOBERS

Barton Loses, Though Allowing Petersburg But Two Hits—Just One Run Scored.

Petersburg, Va., June 12.—Newport News made their first appearance in Petersburg this season to-day, and they made a good impression with the fans, giving a splendid and sports-like exhibition of baseball. The game was a remarkable one, owing to the fact that in eight innings that Barton pitched only twenty-six men faced him, a base on balls and a sacrifice counting for two of the losses. Twenty-eight men were all that faced Brooks. Four of the five men who made hits were thrown out by Laughlin, while attempting to steal second base. Both Barton and Brooks were in fine trim and had perfect control and support. Brooks struck out ten of the Shipbuilders and Barton seven of the Goobers.

The only run made by the locals was due to the daring base running of Krepps, the first man up for the Goobers. He was walked by Barton and stole second on the first ball pitched by Barton to Damrau. On the next ball pitched he stole third, and came home on Matthews's bad peg to third, which was by Kegan. Matthews was struck on the leg in the second inning by a foul tip and retired from the game, Powell taking his place. The score:

Petersburg.	A	B	R	H	O	A	E
Krepps, 2b.....	2	1	0	3	2	6	
Damrau, 3b.....	3	0	1	0	1	0	
Laughlin, ss.....	2	0	0	1	1	0	
Spencer, c.....	3	0	1	0	1	0	
Laughlin, c.....	3	0	0	1	0	4	
Blackstone, if.....	3	0	0	1	0	0	
Barnett, lb.....	3	0	0	1	0	0	
Barton, p.....	3	0	0	1	0	0	
Brooks, p.....	2	0	0	1	0	7	
Totals.....	24	1	2	7	9		

Newport News. A. B. R. H. O. A. E. Gendolf, ss..... 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 Kernan, 3b..... 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 Parolton, lb..... 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 Chastant, if..... 3 0 1 1 0 0 0 Matthews, c..... 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 Haddow, 2b..... 3 0 1 1 0 0 0 Dever, cf..... 3 0 1 2 0 0 0 Early, rf..... 3 0 0 2 0 0 0 Barton, p..... 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 Powell, c..... 2 0 1 7 0 0 0 Brown, p..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 Totals..... 28 0 5 24 3 1

Score by Innings: R. H. E. 1. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2. 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 3. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 6. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 8. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 9. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 10. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Summary: Stolen bases—Krepps (2), Spencer, Haddow, Spencer, 4. Errors—Barton, 1. Left on bases—Petersburg, 1; Newport News, 1. Struck out—By Brooks, 10; Barton, 7. Passed balls—Matthews, 1. Time of game, 1:30. Umpires, Kelly and Colgate. Attendance, 750.

Certificates of graduation were conferred on the following: William Gaillard Boaz, of South Carolina; Robert Gwyn Rhett, Jr., of South Carolina; Francis Oliver Roller, of West Virginia; William Bally Sims, Jr., of Halifax County. The presentation of prizes was as follows: for reading at sight, Arthur B. Kinsolving, second, of Brazil; Frank H. Reads, of Abingdon; for reading, John H. Reads, of Kentucky; John S. Disoway, of Georgia; for recitation, Talbot T. Speer, of Maryland; John W. Harris, Jr., of Texas; for scholarship—Whitely, prize, Robert Gwyn Rhett, Jr., of South Carolina; Johns prize, David Dunlop, Jr., of Petersburg; John Minge Dunlop, of Petersburg; James Addison Ingle, of South Carolina; Littleton McClurg, of Kentucky; Laird prize, William Cantrell Goodwyn, of Kentucky; reading and declamation, Talbot T. Speer, who declaimed on the subject, "Hannibal On the Alps"; Lucien D. Gendolf, "The Roundabout"; John W. Harris, Jr., declaimed "Hannibal and His Mother"; John S. Disoway read "Extract from Pickwick Papers."

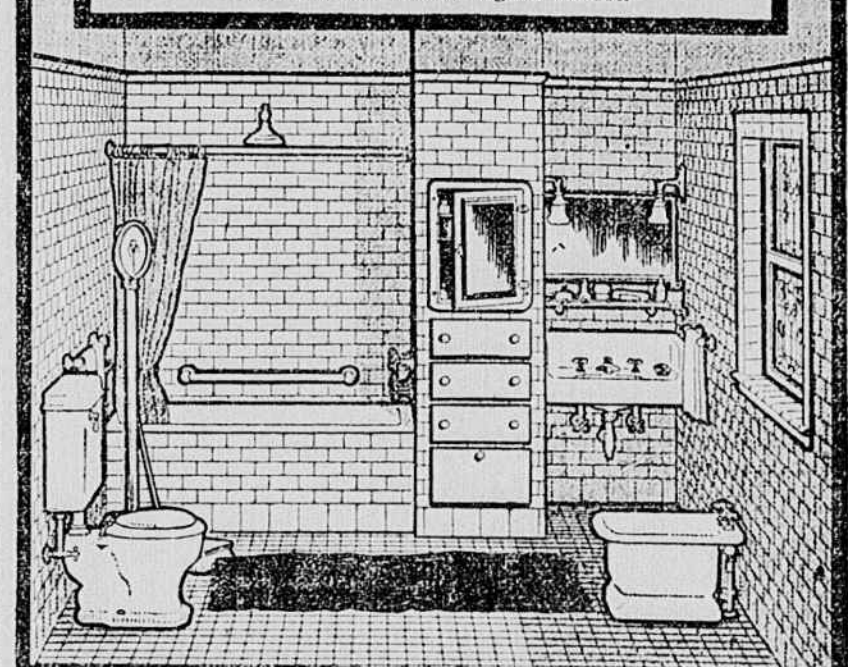
Presentation of medals was as follows: Joseph Bryan Memorial Prize medal, for excellence in English, Frank Robertson, of Abingdon; Randolph Fairfax Memorial Prize medal, for excellence in general scholarship, William Gaillard Boaz, of South Carolina; Lewellyn Hoxton Memorial Prize medal, for excellence in mathematics, David Dunlop, Jr., of Petersburg; William Garrett Babb Prize medal, for excellence in Shakespeare ("Richard III."), to Frank Robertson, of Abingdon; H. S. Liggett Memorial Junior Prize medal, for excellence in general scholarship, to Littleton McClurg Wickham, of Lorraine.

Dispensary Not Be Established. Winston-Salem, N. C., June 12.—A dispensary for handling spirituous and malt liquors for medical purposes only may be established in this city. Mayor Edson advocates the proposition. The local druggists object to paying the license tax to sell whiskey imposed by the State, county and city.



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Gavack was a third honor graduate, with an average above 87. President Graham, in words of counsel and inspiration, addressed the graduates. D. Todd Wood delivered the valedictory address.

The board conferred the degree of doctor of divinity upon Rev. John Leighton Stuart, D.D., president Theological Seminary, Nanjing, China. The degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon Judge John A. Buchanan, Emory, Va.

C. B. Robertson, of Christiansburg, Va., was appointed gymnasium director for 1913-14. The H. H. Houston freshman prize scholarship was awarded to Walter Stephenson Newman, of Woodstock, Va. The George E. Tuckett sophomore prize scholarship was awarded to Robert Earl Warwick, of Laurel, Miss. The E. C. Bondurant junior prize scholarship was awarded to J. Thompson, of Charleston, W. Va. The board of trustees has decided to count up the literary societies to form a period of two years.

MISSES GREEN AND WILDEY WINNERS IN SEMI-FINALS. Philadelphia, Pa., June 12.—Miss Edna Wildey, of Plainfield, N. J., and Miss Dorothy Green, of Philadelphia, were the winners in the semi-final round of the championship singles in the women's national lawn tennis tournament to-day at St. Martins. They defeated Miss Mary K. Browne, of Los Angeles, for the championship.

A large gathering of the alumni assembled in Memorial Hall at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. A number of matters looking to the welfare of the college were discussed and acted on. The following officers were elected: officers of the association: president, Charles D. McKinney, '30, Atlanta, Ga.; vice-president, Theo. J. Wool, '87, Portsmouth; secretary-treasurer, P. Tulane Atkinson, '87, Portsmouth; executive committee, it K. Brock, '97, Farmville; W. H. Whitling, '86, Hampden-Sidney; L. S. Epps, '80, A. Jackson, '80, George L. Walker, '10, Hampden-Sidney; Tulane Atkinson, '87, Hampden-Sidney.

The one hundred and eighth annual celebration of the Philanthropic Literary Society was held at 8 P. M., with the following in the chair as final senior president. The senior orator was Venable Moore, whose subject was "The Goal of Life." Junior orators, Chapin Fitzgerald and B. D. Morton, chose the same subject, "The Goal of Life." "The Value of Labor Unions." W. T. Ryburn presented to B. D. Morton the sophomore debater's medal. J. F. M. Simpson presented to C. B. Richmond the freshman declaimer's medal. The senior orator's medal was awarded to Venable Moore by D. L. Corke.

Wednesday the annual commencement exercises began with the address before the society of the alumni by the Hon. Hugh A. White ('86), of Lexington. The magazine medals were presented by the Rev. John H. Davis, of Tusculossa, Md., to Venable Moore, junior-senior essayist medal; to Robert E. Warwick, of Mississippi, freshman-sophomore essayist medal.

The following men received the degree of bachelor of arts: Samuel Davies, Brookneel; Corke, Donald Lupton, Charleston, W. Va.; Frey, William Henry, Jr., Petersburg; Garrett, Hunter, Whites, Green Bay; Hamner, Thomas, Plymouth; Konnoke, Jones, George, Williams, Jr., Petersburg; McCavick, John, Jr., Waterford; Moore, Venable, Waverly, Tenn.; Proffitt, Julius, Preston; Vatauga, Tenny, Rector, George, Hampden-Sidney; N. C. Rhoades, Elbert Lowman, Pulaski; Wool, Darius, Todd, Portsmouth.

Master of Arts—Moore, Venable, Waverly, Tenn. Bachelor of Science—Thomas Flournoy Hamner, Jr., Roanoke, Va. Mr. Moore was a first honor graduate, having made an average of above 90, during his collegiate course. Mr. Mc-



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